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1. It is in the Yugoslav interest to become more closely aligned with the Anglo-Americans, even though they are capitalists.* The capitalist countries do not want war, whereas the Soviet Union seeks all pretexts to provoke one. There would not have been a war in Korea had the Soviets not forced the North Koreans to move into South Korea. In the same way, China would not have entered the conflict had the Soviet Union not instigated her to do so.
2. If our friendship and alliance with the Soviet Union had continued we sooner or later would have been involved - in a place and manner which we cannot define today - in a war against the United States. Yugoslavia must stand with those countries who oppose war, for we have suffered much from devastation. We must build socialism in Yugoslavia, and it will be impossible to do so if war comes upon us. We are now poor, but if we were to be hit by war, we would be many times poorer.
3. If we were still aligned with the USSR, we would have to oppose Eisenhower since we would have a Rokossovsky at the head of our armed forces.
4. Whenever we were in great need, when we were hungry and passing through a crisis, the Soviets never came to our aid, and we had to turn to the Anglo-Americans. We, therefore, have to align ourselves with the Anglo-Americans, not because we want to or because we like them, but because we are forced into this alliance out of necessity.

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This is the first time that a leading Party official in Trieste has so openly admitted the tie existing between Tito and the United States and Britain.

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